

Remarks

Claims 1-39 are pending in this application. Reconsideration and allowance in view of the above amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 29-39 have been amended to address the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 101.

Claim 1-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over Levergood et al. (U.S. Patent No.: 5,708,780), hereafter "Levergood." This rejection is defective because Levergood does not disclose each and every feature set forth in the claims as required by 35 U.S.C. 102(b).

Claim 1 recites:

"A method for protecting a distributed application user, comprising
 providing a distributed application on a server;
 determining a security value for an authenticated user of the distributed application;
 associating the security value with a set of commands of the distributed application;
 receiving one of the set of commands on the server from the authenticated user; and
 checking the one command for the security value."

Levergood fails to disclose, among other features, "associating the security value with a set of **commands** of the distributed application," receiving one of the set of **commands** on the server from the authenticated user," and "checking the one **command** for the security value." On the contrary, Levergood's SID is associated with, and is used to provide selective access to, a "controlled page" (see, e.g., column 5, lines 17-65, FIG. 2A). Levergood's SID is not used to control the execution of commands as in the present invention.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that independent claim 1, and associated dependent claims 2-10, are allowable. Further, Applicants submit that independent claims 11 (and associated dependent claims 12-17), 18 (and associated dependent claims 19-28), and 29 (and associated dependent claims 30-39) are allowable for reasons similar to those set forth above with regard to independent claim 1.

In light of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner require anything further to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

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